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In re Application of:

Geoffrey P. Dobson Serial No.: 10/518,733

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DECISION ON PETITION TO RESET REPLY PERIOD DUE TO NON-RECEIPT OF OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR. § 1.181(a), filed on July 31, 2008, to reset a mailing date for an Office action that was never received.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed a final Office action March 24, 2008, setting three-month shortened statutory time period for reply.

Applicant states that the action was never received and only discovered that an Office action was mailed during a status check of PAIR. Based on the evidence presented, it is concluded that the Office action of March 24, 2008 should be remailed with a reset reply period.

Applicant's petition is **GRANTED**.

Should there be any questions about this decision, please contact Marianne C. Seidel by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0584 or by facsimile at 703-872-9306.

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